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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: THAI RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON
UNGA RESOLUTIONS WITH ANTI-ISREAL BIAS

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Classified By: Political Officer Lisa Kaleczyc, reason: 1.4 (b) and (d)

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¶1. (U) We called on Counselor of the Peace, Security, and Disarmament Division of the Department of International Organizations, Pattarat Hongtong, on November 26 and made the points outlined in reftel.

¶2. (C) Pattarat advised that Thailand planned to wait until it had a chance to hear all of the arguments at the UN General Assembly before making any final decisions, but agreed to take the U.S. position into consideration.

Pattarat expressed Thailand's hope for peace between the two nations and noted that Thailand maintained good relations with both Israel and the Arab States. Pattarat commented that Thailand had to carefully consider the details of each resolution and the potential impact of the resolutions on the balance of relations between Thailand and the respective countries citing unspecified equities involved.

¶3. (U) Embassy Bangkok's point of contact is Political Officer Lisa Kaleczyc.

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